

(A) by striking "That the Secretary" at the beginning of the section and inserting "(a) REGULATIONS FOR USE AND MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM; ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary";

(B) by striking "\$500" and inserting "\$10,000"; and

(C) by inserting after the first sentence the following: "In the case of a rule or regulation issued under this subsection regarding the use of fire by individuals on such lands, if the violation of the rule or regulation was the result of reckless conduct and occurred in an area subject to a complete ban on open fires, the fine may not be less than \$500."

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is further amended—

(A) by striking "He may also" the first place it appears and inserting the following:

(b) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of the Interior may";

(B) by striking "He may also" the second place it appears and inserting "The Secretary may"; and

(C) by striking "No natural," and inserting the following:

"(c) LEASE AND PERMIT AUTHORITIES.—No natural".

(c) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS.—The eleventh undesignated paragraph under the heading "SURVEYING THE PUBLIC LANDS" of the Act of June 4, 1897 (16 U.S.C. 551), is amended—

(1) by striking "\$500" and inserting "\$10,000"; and

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following: "In the case of such a rule or regulation regarding the use of fire by individuals on such lands, if the violation of the rule or regulation was the result of reckless conduct and occurred in an area subject to a complete ban on open fires, the fine may not be less than \$500."

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes."

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 3365

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3365, the Fallen Patriot's Tax Relief Act; that the McCain-Baucus-Grassley amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed; the title amendment be agreed to; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this is H.R. 3365, is that right?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Senator LANDRIEU has objected to this. I am told that she has been working with the committee on a sense-of-the-Senate resolution that should resolve this. I hope that can be done quickly.

I ask that people direct their attention to Senator LANDRIEU. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 7

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 7, the charitable choice bill. I further ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken; that the Snowe amendment and the Grassley-Baucus amendment, which are at the desk, be agreed to en bloc; that the substitute amendment, which is the text of S. 476, the Senate-passed version of the charitable choice bill as amended by the Snowe and Grassley-Baucus amendments, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; further, that the Senate insist upon its amendments and request a conference with the House; and lastly, that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees with a ratio of 3 to 2, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as some will remember, we on this side are ready to pass this bill with the amendments and send it over to the House for their consideration. The majority insists on going to conference and we object to this part of the consent only. Therefore, I object for the reasons previously stated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's calendar: Calendar Nos. 430, 431, 432. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
Naomi Churchill Earp, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term ending July 1, 2005.

Leslie Silverman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2007.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I also ask consent that the following nominations be discharged from the Rules Committee and be placed on the calendar: Paul S. DeGregorio, Gracie Hillman, Raymundo Martinez, Deforest Soaries, Jr., and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1805

Mr. MCCONNELL. I understand S. 1805, which was introduced earlier today, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1805) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I now ask for its second reading and object to further proceedings on the matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1806

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand S. 1806, introduced earlier today, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1806) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I now ask for its second reading and object to further proceeding on the matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

VITIATION OF ACTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the agreement to amendments numbered 1995 and 2004 to H.R. 2800 be vitiated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.